(c)	Number of patients	1102	10.
	Do	1103	6.
	Amount spent	1102	Rs. 53-0-11.
	Do	1103	Rs. 21-7-10.

(d) No remarks have been made.

Irrigation scheme in Vellarappalli.

120. Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state;—

(a) whether there was any irrigation scheme proposed to the Government by the Vellarappalli Group Panchayat;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, whether the Government have considered the proposal;

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative, the decision arrived at by the Government;

(d) whether the Government are aware that irrigation schemes are urgently needed in the locality in question;

(e) if the answer to (d) is in the affirmative, whether the Government have decided to take up such work immediately?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) The question is pending scrutiny by the Economic Development Committee.

(c) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (b) above.

(d) No.

(e) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (d).

Report of the Excise Committee.

121. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table of the House a copy of the Report of the Cochin Excise Committee.

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 3(d) of the Budget Session of 1103.

Warehouse Officer.

122. Mr. A. L. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state 1.—how many gallons of arrack were purchased by the Government in 1103 M. E.

2. (a) whether the Excise Superintendent had recommended to the Government to appoint a graduate-in-arts or in law for the post of the Warehouse Officer at Ernakulam;

and (b) who is now appointed;

and (c) what is his qualification;

3. (a) whether the present officer had applied to the Government for the same post in the month of Edavam or Mithunam 1103; and if so;

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(b) what were the remarks made by the Superintendent on his application;

4. what were the recommendations of the same Superintendent to appoint him now; a copy of the recommendations may be placed on the Table?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.— 1. No arrack was purchased by the Government in 1103.

2. (a) No.

(b) Mr. M. K. Narayanan, who was the Kanayannur Inspector.

C. K. Venkiteswara Ayyar is appointed to be in charge temporarily.

(c) Qualification of Mr. Narayanan.—

Matric, Salt and Abkari Tests, (A) Higher grade, Criminal Law and Cochin Revenue Test.

Qualification of Venkiteswara Ayyar.—

National Union of Teachers' Examination.

1.	Advanced English	1st class.
2.	Do Arithmetic	2nd ,,
3.	Handwriting Test	1st ,,

Madras Government Examination

4.	Excise Test	Higher grade.
5.	Criminal Law	do.
6.	Vernacular Test	1st class.

He has been holding the post of the Assistant to the Distillery Officer from 14th Medam 1096.

3. (a) Mr. Venkiteswara Ayyar had applied.

(b) The Superintendent's remark was that Venkiteswara Ayyar could not be appointed as permanent Warehouse Officer.

4. The Superintendent recommended that Mr. M. K. Narayanan, the Kanayannur Inspector, might be appointed in place of Mr. K. P. Krishna Menon retired, and be asked to do duty in the Warehouse for which be might be asked to undergo training in the Trichur Distillery for a period of 2 months and that till then C. K. Venkiteswara Ayyar might be put in temporary charge of the Ernakulam Warehouse.

Government do not consider it necessary to place copies of the recommendations required on the Table.

Mr. A. L. Antony.—In answer to sub-division (1) the answer given is 'No arrack was purchased by the Government in 1103.' May I know how the Government supplied the arrack to the Warehouse?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—No arrack was purchased by the Government, no arrack was supplied by the Government to the Warehouse.

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Mr. A. L. Antony.—Then how is it that the Warehouse supplied all the depots with arrack?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—The arrack supply contractor supplied the arrack to the depots.

Mr. A. L. Antony.—The arrack is supplied by the contractor to the Government and Government gives it to the depots. Is it not so?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—The Government does not take the supply from the contractor and stock it in the Warehouse. The contractor himself stocks it in the Warehouse. There is a Government officer appointed in the Warehouse whose duty is to supervise the stocking of arrack, etc.

Mr. A. L. Antony.—So it is under the supervision of the Government officer that the arrack is stocked in the Warehouse. There will be a contract by the contractor with the Government that he will supply arrack to the Government at such and such a rate, and the Government purchase it and keep it in the Warehouse under the supervision of the Government officer and then supplies it to the various depots.

President.— Probably it would appear that, when the arrack is sold, the Government must be consulted.

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—No, Sir. The arrack is manufactured and stocked by the contractor, and whoever comes to purchase arrack pays the cost price to the contractor and duty to Government. Therefore, it is a mistake to say that any arrack is being purchased by Government.

Mr. A. L. Antony.—I think the contractor's duty is to supply arrack at a fixed rate to the Government. I want to know how that transaction is going on.

President. —You will please state the whole thing.

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—The contract to manufacture the arrack is given to a contractor. He supplies the raw materials, he distils the spirit,—

President.—Under the Government supervision, I think.

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—There is a Government officer appointed in the Distillery to see that no irregularities occur during manufacture. After the manufacture arrack is stocked in vats inside the Warehouse under the double locks of the Distillery officer and the contractor's man. Then those who want to purchase arrack must pay duty and also the cost of the arrack. The duty is paid into the Government Treasury. The chalan evidencing the payment of duty is produced in the Distillery or the Warehouse along with the cost of the arrack. The chalan is taken care of by the Government officer appointed in the Distillery or the Warehouse and the cost price by the contractor's man.

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President.—So it comes to this. The purchaser is to pay duty into the Treasury and only the cost of arrack to the contractor's man.

Mr. A. L. Antony.—Then what is the contract for and how is it managed? Is it not a contract between the Government and the contractor, and is not the condition to supply arrack by the contractor to the Government at such and such a rate? The contractor also manufactures the arrack and supplies it to Government.

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—It is a mistake to say so.

President.—The contractor supplies arrack to the depots for consumption by the people. He does not supply it to Government.

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—But the Government fixes the price of the arrack.

President.—So the Government brings the contractor and the purchaser together and sees that arrack is sold at a paticular rate and that the Government receives its duty. That is the process, I think.

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—Yes.

President.—What is the difficulty there?

Mr. A. L. Antony.—There was some difficulty for me. My idea was that the contractor manufactures arrack and supplies it to Government as per contract and that the Government supplies the arrack to the depots.

123. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is true that when the Assistant to the Distillery Officer applied for the post of Warehouse Officer at Ernakulam in Edavam or Mithunam last the Superintendent declared that the applicant was unfit for the place asked for, and in about a month thereafter, the Superintendent of Excise Revenue recommended the same person to the same post ; if so, what was the reason for this change of mind ?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—The Superintendent's recommendations were altogether different. There was no change of mind. The first recommendation was that Venkateswara Ayyar could not be appointed as permanent Warehouse Officer as prayed for by him. There was no recommendation a second time to appoint him to that post, but ouly to put him in temporary charge of it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was not the petition of Mr. Venkateswara Ayyar by the end of Edavam for his appointment as Warehouse Officer in the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr. Krishna Menon ?

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Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What was the request in the petition? Will the Hon'ble Member read the prayer in the petition?

President.—The prayer would naturally be that he may be appointed in the place vacated by Mr. Krishna Menon.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What was the recommendation of the Superintendent of Excise on that petition?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—The prayer in that petition was that 'I beg to represent my claims to the post in question'. As for the recommendation, it was that he would not be appointed permanently in that place.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So was it for a permanent appointment that the request was made?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is not the Warehouse establishment a temporary one?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—Yes; but the appointment of the Warehouse Officer is permanent.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When is Mr. Venkateswara Ayyar to retire?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—I have not got the service book here. I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How long was he in temporary charge?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—He was put in temporary charge since the retirement of Mr. Krishna Menon.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—My question is how long was he in temporary charge?

President.—When did Mr. Krishna Menon retire?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—I think by the end of Mithunam 1103.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So, it is more than one year.

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—He was put in charge in Mithunam 1103. Now he is not in charge.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How long is this temporary charge to continue?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—He has been relieved of his duties.

President.—When was he relieved?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—Last month.

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